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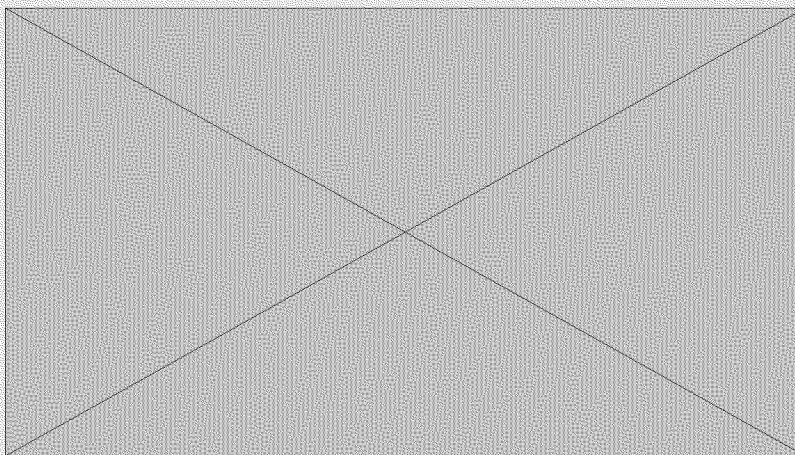
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Pilgrim Power Plant Closure

This week it was announced that Pilgrim's nuclear power plant will close by June 2019. As this major source of power is taken offline it is clear we need to find new sources of zero emissions energy to meet our mandatory greenhouse gas reduction targets under the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) of 25 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050.

The good news is new data shows wind and solar power are competing with fossil fuel plants on price. Massachusetts' offshore wind resources alone, representing more than 4,000 megawatts of new capacity, is five times the capacity at Pilgrim. With our leaders debating whether we should build two new gas pipelines across our state, we should instead be harnessing our policy tools to bring online more local solar and onshore and offshore wind. This path forward will allow our state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, maintain a reliable electricity supply, and grow our economy. Pilgrim's closure is an opportunity to continue on the path towards a clean energy future, rather than go backwards to greater reliance on fossil fuels. [Read more about ELM's reaction in the Boston Globe.](#)

Clean Energy Options After Pilgrim

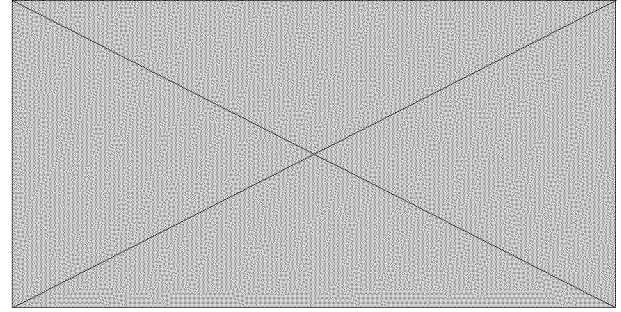


ELM President George Bachrach appeared on NECN's Broadside last night to speak about the future of clean energy in Massachusetts considering Pilgrim's closure.

ELM's Ken Pruitt Speaks at Energy and Environment Forum:

Joins EEOA Sec. Beaton, Sen. Lewis, & Rep. Day

On October 8, ELM Executive Director Ken Pruitt spoke at an energy and environment forum in Winchester organized by State Sen. Jason Lewis. The event was part of Sen. Lewis's ongoing "Community Conversations" series, being held throughout the Fifth Middlesex district he represents. In his remarks, Pruitt highlighted crucial energy and environmental decisions being hotly debated in the Legislature this fall. He noted that the 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act required the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% below 1990 levels by 2025, and 80 percent by 2050. He warned that meeting those targets won't be

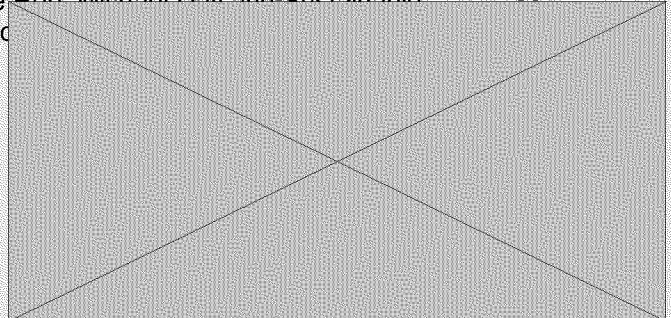


L to R: Sen. Lewis (standing), Carolyn Starrett, Ken Pruitt, Susan McPhee, Rep. Mike Day. Photo credit: Mat Helman

EO 562 Update

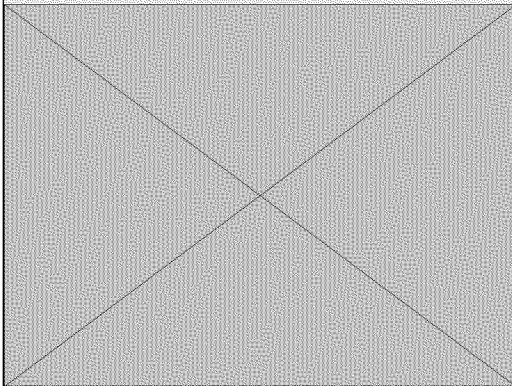
easy, and will require a major transition from our fossil-fuel-powered past to a future powered by renewable energy, including solar, on-shore and off-shore wind, and hydropower - NOT more natural gas. The forum, held at the Jenks Center, was attended by more than 60 area residents and featured business, labor, public health, consumers and environmentalists to call for a fair, transparent, and inclusive review process. We applaud the Baker administration for being receptive to our suggestions. Conservation Coordinator Susan McPhee. State Sen. Jason Lewis, Rep. Mike Day, and Carolyn Starrett.

Winchester President Carolyn Starrett also partic



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